

Senate Resolution 107

By: Senators Pearson of the 51st, Murphy of the 27th, Hawkins of the 49th, Butterworth of the 50th and Moody of the 56th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Congress to facilitate the building of reservoirs upstream from Lake
2 Sidney Lanier; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, water is vital to human existence, providing humans, plants, and animals with
4 the sustenance needed for survival; and

5 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia currently is in a long-term drought; and

6 WHEREAS, the average annual rainfall for Georgia is 50 inches, however, as of December
7 1, 2008, the state had received only 37 inches of rain; and

8 WHEREAS, over five million people depend on Lake Sidney Lanier and the Chattahoochee
9 River for their water supply; and

10 WHEREAS, the building of reservoirs upstream from Lake Sidney Lanier is necessary to
11 control water levels so that the people of Georgia and the surrounding states are ensured an
12 adequate supply of water.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that this body does hereby
14 urge the United States Congress to assist Georgia in our water needs by helping facilitate the
15 building of reservoirs on Chattahoochee National Forest land to supplement water inflow and
16 maintain adequate water levels in Lake Sidney Lanier.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to President Barack Obama, each member
19 of the Georgia congressional delegation, the United States Forest Service, and the United
20 States Army Corps of Engineers.